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## Corpsman Birthday

The Hospital Corpsman Birthday is tomorrow. They are celebrating 106 years of unselfish dedication and devotion to duty.

Read our next issue of *The RotoVue* to learn more about their history.

## Poker Night

All ranks are welcome for poker on Friday from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Club.

Drop by the club to reserve your seat or call 449-6707.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

## 3-D Archery

A 3-D Archery Shoot is scheduled for Saturday. There will be 3-D targets and a steel pig for competitors to shoot at.

Competitors can begin anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

An awards ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place winners of each division. All shooters 11 years and younger will receive medals.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Todd Croft at 450-1072 or Chief Warrant Officer Rudy Salisbury at 451-7812.

## Father's Day Brunch

The Staff Noncommissioned Officers Club is hosting a Father's Day brunch on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The price for adult members is \$11.95 and

\$13.95 for nonmembers. The brunch is half price for children under 12 years. All ranks are welcome.

For more information about the Father's Day brunch, call 449-6707.

## Father's Day Trapshooting

There will be a skeet and trap shoot held Sunday for Father's Day.

A \$20 entry fee will be required for each person. Amateur Trapshooting Association and National Skeet Shooting Association rules will govern the conduct of this shoot. Marine Corps Community Service rules for McIntyre Skeet and Trap range will be in effect.

Eye and ear protection is mandatory for all competitors. If using a range gun, ammunition must be purchased from the range.

This shoot will use the flight system with flights every hour from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information about trapshooting, call Bob Mizner at 219-4894.

## IPAC Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held Tuesday at AS-212, room 121A from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A mobile blood unit will be on site in the parking lot across from the Installation Personnel Administration Center.

Any Marine or civilian who has the desire and is able to support the forward deployed Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Department of Defense employees are encouraged to donate.

The process only takes three steps. First, an interview: pulse, blood pressure, temperature, and hemoglobin checked.

Second: move to a reclining chair and a sterile needle is

inserted into your forearm for about 15 minutes.

Last: the needle is removed, and you move to rest site for several minutes while having refreshments.

For more information, contact Master Sgt J.W. Gray at 449-7332.

## Motor Safety

The New River Motorcycle Safety Course is tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth week of each month, (Wednesday and Thursday), from June through September 2004.

The classroom portion, (first day), will be taught in building AS-320, room 104, (located on McAvoy Street), and will start promptly at 8 a.m. Students should have all of the required equipment for the class. The skills course is located in the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 overflow parking lot between White and Bancroft Streets, off Campbell Street in front of AS-186.

For more information, call Marie Silence at 449-5440.

## Active Reserve

If you or someone you know is leaving active duty in the next four months, the next active reserve accession board is Aug. 4. The deadline for package completion is by close-of-business June 25, so it can be sent to Headquarters Marine Corps by close of business June 28.

For more information, contact the transitional recruiters at 449-5465.

## TMO Update

The Department of Defense's local personal property agents and carriers are saturated due to the enormous per-

manent change of station season.

Currently, the Travel Management Office can only schedule shipments for the week of July 12.

Please plan accordingly.

For more information, please contact Jim Roberts or Master Sgt. Roger Villanueva at the TMO Personal Property Branch at 451-2377, ext. 211 or ext. 209.

## Naval Institute Essay

The Naval Institute is proud to bring back the Marine Corps Essay Contest thanks to a generous commitment from Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems.

Essays must be original works of 3,000 words or less and may pertain to any subject that advances the warfighting excellence of the Corps.

The contest is open to anyone, and the deadline is Sept. 1. The winning essays will be published in the November 2004 issue of Proceedings, and the Naval Institute will award prizes as follows:

First prize: \$2,000 and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute.

Second prize: \$1,500 and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute.

Third prize: \$750 and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute.

Complete rules and guidelines are available at [www.navalinstitute.org](http://www.navalinstitute.org).

## On the cover

Deployments can be painful for both sides, as Jacqueline R. Warman shows while giving a final hug to her husband, Cpl. Roy L. Warman, an airframes mechanic for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263.

The "Thunder Chickens" departed New River on June 9.



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# 'Thunder Chickens' fly the coop with 24th MEU

**Capt. David E. Nevers**  
24th MEU Public Affairs Officer

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - Approximately 250 Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) set sail for Iraq last week aboard the USS Kearsarge, which began the month-long flow of MEU forces. The entire unit should arrive in Iraq by mid-July.

Most of the Marines in the initial wave are assigned to the MEU's aviation squadron, which is sending 175 leathernecks and its full complement of 12 CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters. Others deploying aboard the ship include ground-combat Marines, a handful each from the MEU's command and combat service support elements.

The warfighters boarded the Kearsarge on June 9, most either flying on board via the helicopters from

Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., or riding aboard a Landing Craft Air-Cushioned from Onslow Beach here, which launched from a ship stationed off shore here. The ship departed the area Friday.

Also, roughly 200 of the MEU's tactical vehicles - mostly large trucks and humvees - moved to Wilmington, N.C., where they and much of the unit's cargo was loaded onto a chartered commercial ship due to sail for the Arabian Gulf.

In the next few weeks, the rest of the MEU's 2,200 Marines and Sailors will make their way to Iraq through a combination of military and chartered commercial aircraft.

While most of the MEU will head directly for the Central Command theater, the Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 2d Marines, will stop first at March Air Force Base, Calif., to train in security and stability operations.

More than 800 Marines will test their skills in patrolling and operating

vehicle checkpoints -- two key tools for providing security and stability in an urban environment.

For more information concerning the 24th MEU, visit their Web site at <http://www.24meu.usmc.mil>.



Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer

**Several CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters and their crew depart New River to join the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit on June 9.**

## HML/A-269, MWSS-271 make history for Carolina MAGTF

**Lance Cpl. Rocco DeFilippis**  
correspondent

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - In the scorching hot afternoon, the sounds of two AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters can be heard as they break over the horizon and land in a small clearing; a thick cloud of dust rises as they touch down.

Marines on the ground rush to the birds and ready them to return to the fight. Ordnance Marines change out the 750-round, 20mm ammunition container and reload the rocket launchers with 2.75 inch-high explosive rockets. Then, refuelers hurry to hook up the helicopter to the fuel lines and fill the choppers with precious JP5.

In a matter of 15 minutes, the aircraft are refueled, reloaded, re-armed, back in the air and poised to accomplish the mission.

On May 19, Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron-271 teamed up with MCAS New River's Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 to perform the groundbreaking "hot reload" at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Landing Zone Bluebird. This marked the first time in Marine Corps history that such training has been conducted on the East Coast.

"We need to train like we fight," said Chief Warrant Officer James Toponce, HML/A-269 ordnance officer, and native of Melbourne, Fla. "These types of evolutions are happening every day in Iraq."

Although an in-theater "hot reload" is common, a lot of hard work, on the part of both squadrons,

went into obtaining the proper authority to complete the three-day training exercise.

The squadrons submitted multiple reports, assessments and requests to Headquarters Marine Corps, Quantico, Va., to obtain the class V(A) hot reload waiver required for the operation.

"We conducted operations like this while we were in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and we realize we could be put in this situation again soon," said Chief Warrant Officer Billy Burns, MWSS-271

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Lance Cpl. Rocco DeFilippis

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - Bulk fuelers from Marine Wing Support Squadron-271, MCAS Cherry Point, refuel an AH-1W Super Cobra that belongs to MCAS New River's Marine Light/Attack Squadron-269 at LZ Bluebird in a "hot reload" exercise.

## Commanding general takes his final flight



Sgt. Juan Vara

**Maj. Gen. John G. Castellaw** disembarks from one of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264's CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters after taking his final flight as the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general Thursday.



Sgt. Juan Vara

**PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti -- Sgt. Rory R. Bradley, a Gooding, Idaho, native and crew chief assigned to HMM-264, fires a .50 caliber machine gun at a designated target while practicing aerial gunnery over a Haitian range June 3.**

## 'Black Knights' detachment fires up 'Haitian Vacation'

**Sgt. Juan Vara**  
correspondent

**PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti --** While supporting the stabilization and security missions of Marine Air Ground Task Force-8 here, the air crew from a detachment of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 warfighters from Marine Corps Air Station New River conducted some of their required training.

From May 31 through June 4, "Black Knights" flew to a range approximately 14 miles northeast of Port Au Prince International Airport, their temporary base of operations, and fired .50 caliber machine guns at designated targets. The range is Haitian property leased by MAGTF-8 as a training area.

"We conduct 'gun runs' to ensure the (air) crew can employ the CH-46E as an effective weapons system," said Capt. Greg Martin, a squadron Sea Knight pilot who hails from Greensboro, N.C.

The "Phrog" has been the backbone of Marine aviation since the Vietnam War era and can be equipped with two .50 caliber machine guns on each side of the aircraft.

Each crew chief fired approximately 2,000 rounds of ammunition on four different targets, approaching them at different speeds.

Cpl. Amos A. Chapman, a CH-46E crew chief with the squadron, said practicing aerial gunnery is necessary for a crew chief's mission.

"There are no sights on the guns, and we have to rely on feel," said the Chicago native. "There might also be problems with the guns, and we have to learn how to fix them."

Throughout his three years in the Corps, Chapman has practiced aerial gunnery more than a dozen times in a myriad of locations, to include Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Djibouti and Liberia.

Marines, Sailors and three CH-46E helicopters from HMM-264 have been in the Caribbean country since late April, conducting operations in support of MAGTF-8 that enhance its responsiveness, flexibility and mobility. They are reinforced by detachments from New River's Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 and MCAS Cherry Point's Marine Wing Support Squadron-274.

# The real story of Fallujah

**Robert D. Kaplan**  
contributor

When Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion of the 5th Marine Regiment led U.S. forces into the heart of Fallujah in the pre-dawn hours of April 6, I was the only journalist present. It had been Bravo Company of the "1st of the 5th" that had been first inside the citadel of Hue in Vietnam in February 1968. Hue City, the sight of one of the most glorious chapters in Marine history -- in which the Marines killed 5,113 enemy troops while suffering 147 dead and 857 wounded -- was foremost in the minds of the Marine commanders at Fallujah.

The Marines never got proper credit for Hue, for it was ultimately overshadowed by My Lai, in which an Army platoon killed 347 civilians a month later in 1968. This was despite the fact that the Marines' liberation of Hue led to the uncovering of thousands of mass graves there: the victims of an indiscriminate communist slaughter. Thus, Hue became a metaphor for the military's frustration with the media: a frustration revisited in Fallujah.

Whenever the Marines with whom I was attached crossed the path of a mosque, we were fired upon. Mosques in Fallujah were used by snipers and other gunmen and to store weapons and explosives. Time and again the insurgents forfeited the protective status granted these religious structures as stipulated by Geneva Conventions. Snipers were a particular concern. In early April in nearby Ramadi, an enemy sniper wiped out a squad of Marines using a Soviet-designed Draganov rifle: "12 shots, 12 kills," a Marine officer told me. The marksmanship indicated either imported jihadist talent or a member of the old regime's military elite.

By the standards of most wars, some mosques in Fallujah deserved to be leveled. However, only after repeated aggressions was any mosque targeted, and then sometimes for hits so small in scope that they often had little effect. The news photos of holes in mosque domes did not indicate the callousness of the American military; rather the reverse.

As for the close-quarters urban combat, I was in the city the first days of the battle. The overwhelming percentage of the small arms fire -- not-to-mention mortars, rockets, and RPGs -- represented indiscriminate automatic bursts of the insurgents. Marines responded with far fewer, more precise shots. It was inspiring to observe high-testosterone 19-year-old lance corporals turn into calm and calculating 30-year-olds every time a firefight started.

There was nothing fancy about the Marine advance into Fallujah. Marines slugged it out three steps forward, two steps backward: the classic, immemorial labor of infantry, little changed since Hue, or since antiquity for that matter. As their own casualties mounted, the only time I saw angry or depressed Marines was when an Iraqi civilian was accidentally hit in the crossfire -- usually perpetrated by the enemy. I was not surprised. I had seen Army Special Forces react similarly to civilian casualties the year before in Afghanistan. The humanity of the troops is something to behold: contrary to the op-ed page of the New York Times (May 21), the word "haji" in both Iraq and Afghanistan, at least among Marines and Special Forces, is more often used as an endearment than a slur. To wit, "let's drink tea and hang out with the hajis" . . . "haji food is so much better than what they feed us" . . . "a haji designed real nice vests for our rifle plates," and so on. Thus, it has been so appallingly depressing to read about Abu Ghraib prison day after day, after day.

By April 7, two sleep-deprived Marine battalions had taken nearly 20 percent of Fallujah. The following day a third battalion arrived to join the fight, allowing the first two to rest and recover their battle rhythm. Just as the three well-rested battalions were about to start boxing-in the insurgents against the Euphrates River at the western edge of the city, a cease-fire was announced.

As disappointing as the cease-fire was, the Marines managed to wrest positive consequences from it. This would free them up to resume mortar-mitigation, a critical defense task today in Iraq. Mortars and rockets rain down continually on American bases. If left unchallenged, it may be only a matter of time before a crowded chow hall or (Morale, Welfare, Recreation) facility is hit; recalling the 1983 attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut that killed 241 servicemen.

Furthermore, as soon as the 1st of the 5th Marines departed Fallujah, they headed for Al-Karmah, a town about half the size of Fallujah, strategically located between Fallujah and Baghdad. Al-Karmah was no less hostile than Fallujah. I went there several times in March with the Marines. The streets always emptied upon our arrival and we were periodically fired upon. After the Fallujah operation, the Marines didn't just visit Al-Karmah, they moved inside, patrolling regularly, talking to people on the streets, collecting intelligence and going a long way toward reclaiming that

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# Awards and Promotions

**Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-302**

**Promotions**

Staff Sgt. T. S. Little  
Cpl. J. S. Granger  
Lance Cpl. D. J. Detweiler  
Lance Cpl. S. B. Freeland  
Lance Cpl. J. D. Webb

**Marine Wing Support Squadron-272**

**Promotions**

Staff Sgt. M. S. Faults  
Sgt. A. J. Jasset  
Sgt. N. E. Martell III  
Cpl. A. R. Gaudino  
Cpl. J. J. McClendon  
Cpl. N. L. Naifeh  
Cpl. J. J. Rohlik  
Lance Cpl. S. M. Abundiz  
Lance Cpl. W. G. Bolen  
Lance Cpl. C. Deleon Jr.  
Lance Cpl. M. P. Ground

**Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22**

**Promotions**

Staff Sgt. N. J. Charrier  
Staff Sgt. P. J. Gallagher  
Staff Sgt. M. T. Migliori  
Staff Sgt. C. S. Wooten  
Sgt. J. L. Coons  
Sgt. J. J. Gulde

Sgt. R. A. McLain  
Sgt. C. D. Phillipp  
Sgt. T. E. Thomas Jr.  
Cpl. R. K. Daywalt  
Cpl. W. E. Makinen  
Cpl. L. B. Nelson  
Cpl. G. R. Ratleff  
Cpl. S. D. Thompson  
Lance Cpl. G. Avalos  
Lance Cpl. S. W. Neumann  
Lance Cpl. L. Phansiri

**Meritorious Service Medal**

Chief Warrant Officer M. W. Smith

**Joint Service Commendation Medal**

Gunnery Sgt. T. K. Fowler

**Good Conduct Medal**

Gunnery Sgt. J. T. Floyd  
Staff Sgt. J. A. Burr

**Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26**

**Promotions**

Staff Sgt. J. L. Hairston  
Sgt. J. T. Ellsworth  
Sgt. C. P. Torres  
Cpl. L. A. Billingsley Jr  
Cpl. E. D. Blough  
Cpl. C. L. Chappell  
Cpl. T. Landers  
Cpl. J. A. McClendon  
Cpl. C. C. Ocana

Lance Cpl. B. M. Crawford  
Lance Cpl. E. T. Henes  
Lance Cpl. B. P. Lane  
Lance Cpl. P. J. Laughlin  
Lance Cpl. J. J. Moran  
Lance Cpl. D. H. Nolan  
Pfc. J. M. Rush

**Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29**

**Promotions**

Master Sgt. B. D. Fairchild  
Staff Sgt. R. E. Jobe  
Staff Sgt. J. M. Woollard  
Sgt. E. R. Richard  
Cpl. B. K. Barker (meritorious)  
Cpl. F. D. Betancourt  
Cpl. J. D. Croll  
Cpl. C. Delus (meritorious)  
Cpl. J. E. Docherty Jr.  
Cpl. K. A. Frederick  
Cpl. T. B. Huitron  
Cpl. D. A. Kvang  
Cpl. J. L. Ledet  
Cpl. A. L. Loughridge  
Cpl. R. D. MacMahon III  
Cpl. A. J. Myers  
Lance Cpl. N. J. Cardenas  
Lance Cpl. M. D. Cole (meritorious)  
Lance Cpl. A. E. Gorz  
Lance Cpl. T. R. Graf Jr.  
Lance Cpl. J. W. Gutierrez  
Lance Cpl. R. J. Manganiello  
Lance Cpl. M. S. Manis  
Lance Cpl. J. J. Montemayor

Lance Cpl. D. T. Patterson Jr.  
Lance Cpl. B. L. Powell Jr.  
Lance Cpl. O. Reyes  
Lance Cpl. B. J. Robbins  
Lance Cpl. F. M. Villarreal

**Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron**

**Promotions**

Sgt. J. C. Barton  
Sgt. R. S. Harry  
Sgt. E. M. Rhinehart  
Sgt. J. M. Smith  
Sgt. M. R. Wolfe  
Cpl. J. R. Ellsworth (meritorious)  
Cpl. T. S Manges (meritorious)  
Cpl. G. L. Richards  
Cpl. J. P. Riley  
Lance Cpl. K. A. Burgin  
Lance Cpl. P. F. Ficenski  
Lance Cpl. A. E. Gorz  
Lance Cpl. B. J. McGinn  
Lance Cpl. J. D. Miller  
Lance Cpl. C. H. Sipes

**Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-464**

**Promotions**

Sgt. K. L. Melson  
Cpl. E. A. Beard (meritorious)  
Cpl. J. W. Crothers III  
Lance Cpl. E. Rodriguez

## A 'Patriotic' exchange



Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb

**Lt. Col. Ludovic M. Baudoin d'Ajoux (left) congratulates Lt. Col. Carmine J. Borrelli on becoming the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26's new commanding officer in a change of command ceremony June 4.**

## RELOAD

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fuels officer and a native of Paris, Texas. "We have to sharpen our skills and work on communication between the squadrons because we want to be proficient at what we do."

"The operation provided excellent training and gave us a better understanding of how to interact with each other in a real-world situation," said Cpl. Jonathan Fish, HML/A-269 ordnance man and a native of MacClenny, Fla. "We all practice our parts in our own units, so putting both squadrons together got everyone on the same sheet of music."

Both squadrons tackled their mission with the same drive with which they tackle every mission, but they kept in mind the importance of the successfully completing

the three-day training evolution.

"The Marines were told in the brief that if we don't succeed today, we could set ourselves back to the Stone Age," said Burns.

"Whether we are operating in Iraq, Weapons Tactics Instructors Course or Camp Lejeune, we give it our best," Fish said. "Both units worked together and the evolution was as smooth as ice."

The exercise proved that "hot reload" training, when done properly, is vital to the effectiveness of aviation ground support and the in-theater performance of the Carolina Marine Air Ground Task Force.

"This operation paves the way for this training to happen again in the future," Toponce said. "Both the fuel and ordnance Marines have to be flexible to handle and support each other in any situation."

"It took a lot of work for both squadrons to get this together," Burns said. "We pulled together and hopefully set the example that will make this a training standard for East Coast units."

# Eighteen years old, still making history

**1st Lt. David L. Brown**  
contributor

Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 was activated June 6, 1986 to provide all essential aviation ground support requirements to a designated rotary-wing component of an aviation combat element.

These include all supporting or attached elements of the Marine Air Control Group.

The "Untouchables" are the sole provider of the fourteen functions of aviation ground support to two

Marine Aircraft Groups (MAG-26 and MAG-29) here. It is the executive agent in air base ground defense within Marine Wing Support Group-27.

The squadron also specializes in rapid runway repair, soil stabilization and dust abatement.

In addition to supporting two MAGs, MWSS-272 also provides support to New River through the Fleet Assistance Program.

The "Untouchables" regularly FAP more than 125 Marines to support such needs as crash, fire and rescue; food services; fuels; meteorologi-

cal services; personnel for administrative support; and also provides on-call explosive ordnance disposal.

When tasked with operating an airfield, the "Untouchables" must conduct all aviation and ground refueling, aircraft recovery and firefighting, expeditionary airfield services, EOD and weather services.

Since the "Untouchables" inception in 1986, MWSS-272 has participated in numerous deployments providing the full spectrum of aviation ground support to the aviation combat element.

Recent relief missions, operations and exercises include special operations capable qualified exercises; Joint Forge; New Horizons Bolivia; hurricane relief in Puerto Rico; Air Contingency Marine Air Ground Task Force; Joint Task Force Exercise Swift Hammer; Dynamic Mix; New Horizons Nicaragua; counterdrug missions in Georgia; and numerous others.

The "Untouchables" have a short, but proud history of serving the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing in garrison and while deployed.

# 'War Eagles' gain knowledge about 'Beirut to Baghdad'

**Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer**  
correspondent

Dr. John B. Mathews presented a professional military education session about the 1983 Beirut bombing to Marines of Marine Aircraft Group-29 at the Station's Enlisted Club on June 4.

Mathews' visit to New River, which lasted a total of three days, included three PME's, a visit to the Station's simulators, breakfast with MAG-29 headquarters personnel and dinner with various members of the MAG-29 command. However, the PME's were his primary concern, he said.

According to Col. Mark D. Mahaffey, MAG-29 commanding officer, the quarterly PME's were designed by the MAG and its various squadrons

to help develop the Marines under their respective commands.

"I try to expose (the Marines) to the operational and strategic aspect, not just the tactical. Basically, what they're going to need as they take on higher responsibilities," said Mahaffey.

The Reynoldsburg, Ohio, native added, "I was trying to help the Marines see the connection between what happened in Beirut in 1983 and what they are dealing with today. That's why I invited Dr. Mathews. He's an authority on foreign affairs, particularly what happened in Beirut."

Mathews studied U.S. Foreign Policy at Washington State University for his doctorate in American Studies and wrote his dissertation on "U.S. Foreign Policy in Lebanon: Why it

failed."

"School's still out on how Iraq and Afghanistan will turn out, but as the saying goes, if we don't learn from history and our mistakes, we're going to repeat them," said Mathews.

"Now, we've got politics intermingled with basic tactics," continued Mathews. "Just look at the situation with the mistreatment of prisoners. It's important for even the lowest ranking private to be situationally aware of what they do and how it can affect foreign policy."

"I feel that just because the little guy doesn't feel important, that private or (private first class) can be responsible for the lives of so many of their fellow

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Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer

**Dr. John B. Mathews conducts a PME session, titled "Beirut to Baghdad," to MAG-29 Marines.**



# PME

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Marines. That's the example I think Dr. Mathews was setting in the PME," said Sgt. Jose M. Vasquez, training chief for MAG-29 from Brooklyn, N.Y.

"One thing is certain; we have to be culturally sensitive. There are a lot of books that every Marine should read before going to Iraq or Afghanistan. One of these would be 'From Beirut to Jerusalem,' by Thomas Freedman," recommended Dr. Mathews.

"Dr. Mathews was definitely down to earth, in my opinion. He may understand the politics and protocol, but I think he still realizes that it's about the Marines in the end," Vasquez said.

"I was only five years old when the bombing in Beirut occurred, so I really didn't know much about it," Vasquez concluded. "Honestly, though, after listening to a Vietnam veteran with two purple hearts tell us about some of his personal experiences, I feel like I wouldn't have any problems following him into combat, much less listen to his opinion on how we should take care of ourselves."

## King's Dominion 'checks' ITT

**Susan E. Clark (left), the manager of the Information, Tickets and Tours division here, presents a check from Paramount Pictures King's Dominion to New River Aviation Memorial Foundation representative, Susan Watkins. The donation came from sales of King's Dominion tickets in 2003.**



Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer

# Marine Corps book review: ‘Semper Fi’

**Lance Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer**  
correspondent

Tradition. It's a part of everything Marines do, from the call of reveille in the morning to taps in the evening.

The same is true for "The Corps" series, by W.E.B. Griffin. From cover to cover, they're full of tradition.

I took the first book of the series, "Semper Fi," off the shelf at the bookstore for two reasons, really. The first was the name. Being a Marine and seeing a book with the words "Semper Fi" in bold print drew my attention like a moth to a flame. It was just a natural reaction to pick it up and see what it was about.

After I stopped ogling over the title, I noticed who the author was. Since I'd heard several good comments about Griffin, I picked up the book and paid the cashier.

From the first page I was hooked. Need I say more?

The focus of the entire series, which totals about nine books, is Marines. Book one begins with a China Marine, (one stationed in China during the Boxer Rebellion), by the name of Ken McCoy, before World War II had begun. McCoy, a 21-year-old private first class, gets into a little trouble while out on the town one night in Shanghai where he is stationed with Company "D," 4th Marines.

The war begins, and the world goes into chaos and right in the middle of everything are Griffin's characters.

The series carries on into the lives of both officer

and enlisted, focusing on the nuances of each lifestyle. Griffin puts a lot of emphasis behind the thoughts of the "average" Marine, as young recruits go through boot camp, and officers face the rivalries between career Marines and reservists.

The good and the bad are all brought out in the novels, from the dedicated to the despicable. The full spectrum of what makes up the Corps is there.

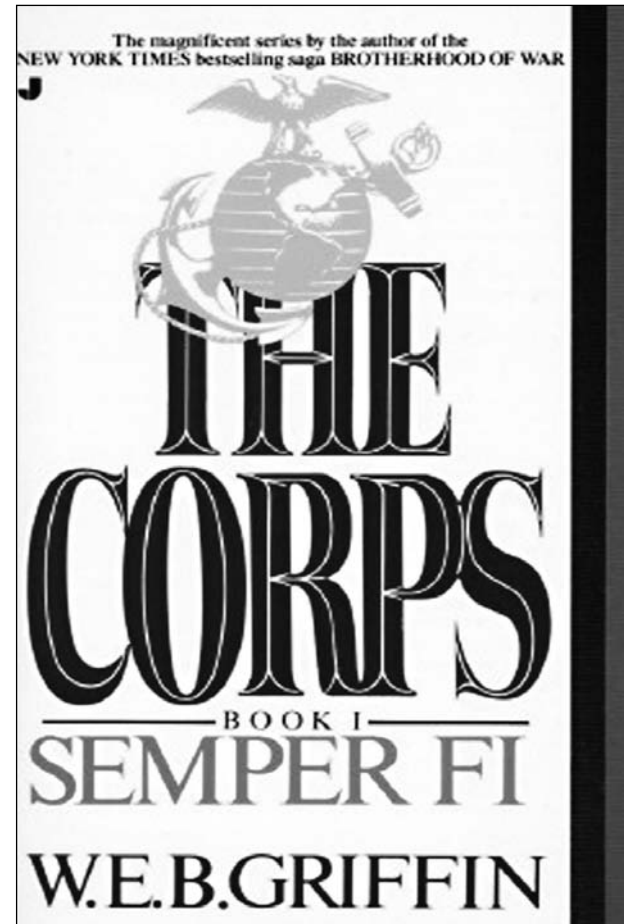
The way the facts and the fiction are entwined throughout the novels is very impressive. The units are (or were) real, the events recorded, but the Marines? I have to admit that I would be hard pressed to determine which ones are real and which ones exist only in Griffin's tales.

Each book carries over from the last, sometimes with different characters, sometimes backtracking in time a bit, but always holding true to the storyline in general.

Though understanding the constant and accurate use of units and Marine "lingo" can be a little much, especially when everything is centered around a generation born early in the last century, reading a little further on usually sheds light on the dark places.

I honestly feel that Griffin did an amazing job of capturing the heart, body and soul of "Marine" with his novels and suggest that all Marines, from the privates to the four-star generals, should read the series. The words flow, the subject matter is all around us, and the lessons that can be learned from that truly remarkable generation are still valid today.

Get in touch with your past and brush up on a little tradition: read "The Corps."



**“Semper Fi” is book one of the “The Corps” series. It was written by W.E.B. Griffin.**



### Station Shelters

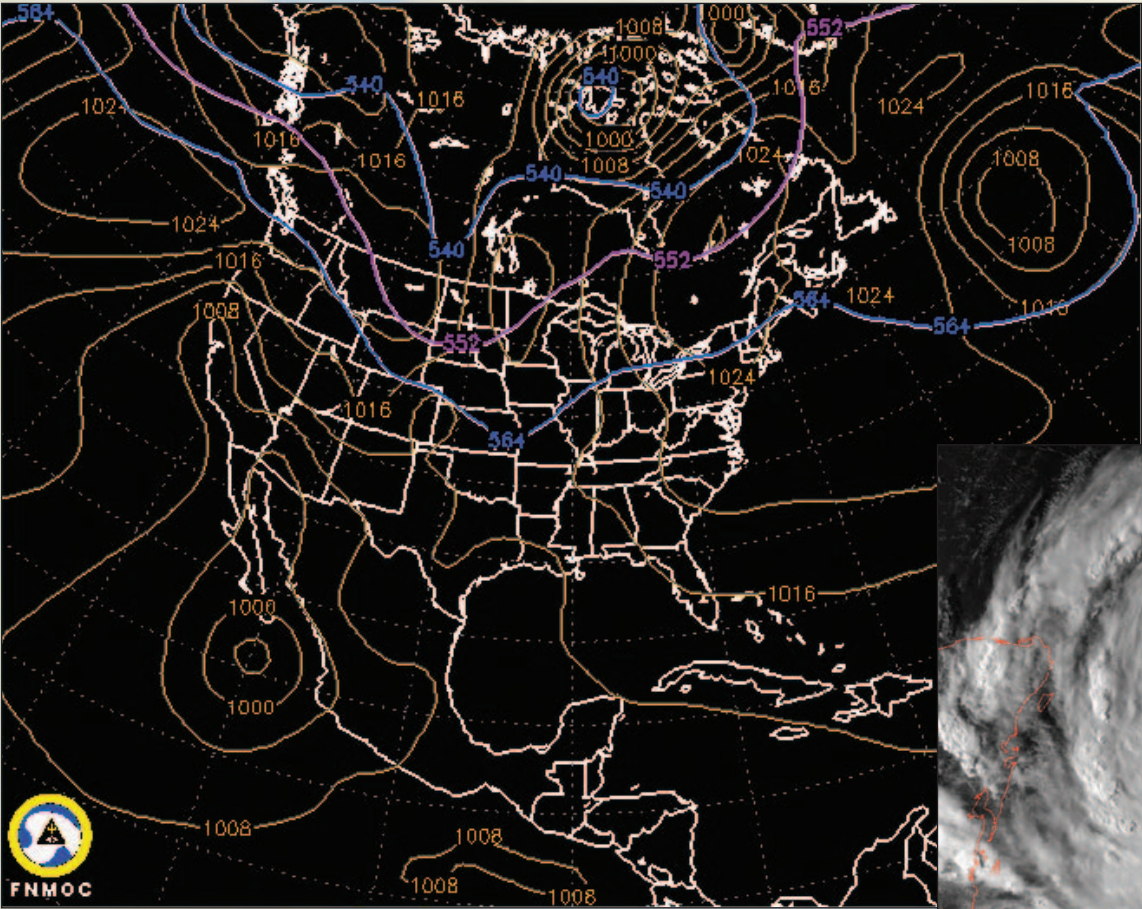
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Gymnasium  
Bldg. AS-202  
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Bldg. TC-1500  
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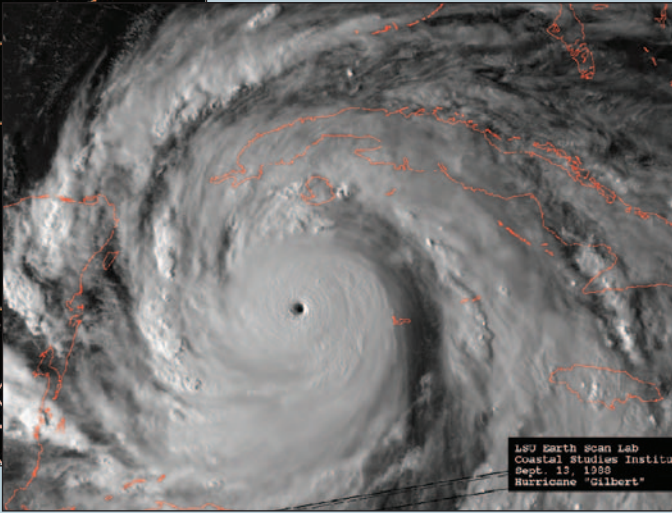
### Shelter Necessities

- Minimum of one (1) box lunch
- Any special dietary foods
- Medication
- Infant care items (e.g. diapers, bottles, towels, nipples, powder, soap, baby oil and a 24 hour supply of formula).



(Left) The Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanography Center in Monterey, Calif., routinely uses this type of hurricane tracking chart to record data.

(Bottom) Hurricane Gilbert winds reached 184 mph and a barometric pressure of 888 milibar, which is the second-lowest pressure ever recorded for an Atlantic hurricane.



(Top) Hurricane Isabel blows through New River in late September 2003. Isabel drizzled heavy rain, knocked down branches and a tree in staff non-commissioned housing and shut down the Station. (Right) Satellite image of Hurricane Isabel forming over the Southeastern United States during September 2003.



A tree rest on a roof in New River SNCO housing after Hurricane Floyd blew through in September 1999.



Hurricane Floyd reaps havoc on SNCO housing aboard New River in September 1999.

# How to prevent disaster from striking you

**What is a hurricane?**  
A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds that have reached a constant speed of 74 mph or more. Hurricane winds blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center known as the "eye," which is generally 20 to 30 miles wide, and the storm may extend outward 400 miles. As a hurricane approaches, the skies will begin to darken and winds will grow in strength. As a hurricane nears land, it can bring torrential rains, high winds and storm surges. A single hurricane can last for more than two weeks over open waters and can run a path across the entire length of the eastern seaboard. August and September are peak months during the hurricane season, which is from June 1 through Nov. 30.

**What should I do?**  
*Before hurricane season starts, several preparations must be made:*  
• Plan an evacuation route.  
• Contact the local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter, and ask for the community hurricane preparedness plan. This plan should include information on the safest evacuation routes and nearby shelters.  
• Learn safe routes inland.  
• Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to

locate a safe place.  
• Have disaster supplies on hand.  
• Flashlight and extra batteries  
• Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries  
• First aid kit and manual  
• Emergency food and water  
• Non-electric can opener  
• Essential medicines  
• Cash and credit cards  
• Sturdy shoes  
• Make arrangements for pets.  
• Pets may not be allowed into emergency shelters for health and space reasons.  
• Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.  
• Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.  
• Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.  
• Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.  
• Protect your windows.  
• Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood - marine plywood is best - cut to fit each window. Remember to

mark which board fits which window.  
• Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.  
• Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.  
• Check into flood insurance.  
• You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective.  
• Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.  
• Develop an emergency communication plan.  
• In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.  
• Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address and phone number of the contact person.

*During a hurricane watch, which is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 - 36 hours:*

• Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.  
• Check emergency supplies.  
• Fuel car.  
• Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.  
• Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.  
• Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.  
• Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.  
• Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.  
• Review evacuation plan.  
• Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place. Use rope or chain to secure boat to trailer. Use tiedowns to anchor trailer to the ground or house.

*During a hurricane warning, which is issued when hurricane conditions (winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas) are expected in 24 hours or less:*  
• Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio

or television for official instructions.  
• If in a mobile home, check tiedowns and evacuate immediately.  
• Avoid elevators.

*If at home:*  
• Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.  
• Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.  
• If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

*If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:*  
• Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.  
• Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.  
• Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.

*If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor:*

• Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.  
• Lock up home and leave.

*After the storm, continue to maintain level of preparedness:*  
• Stay tuned to local radio for information.  
• Help injured or trapped persons.  
• Give first aid where appropriate.  
• Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.  
• Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.  
• Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.  
• Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.  
• Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.  
• Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.  
• Take pictures of the damage, both to the house and its contents for insurance claims.  
• Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

• Use telephone only for emergency calls.

*Inspecting utilities in a damaged home:*  
• Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noises, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.  
• Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.  
• Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.

*Editor's note: Hurricane preparation information and photographs retrieved from www.fema.gov and Marine Corps Air Station New River files.*



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# John Gunn's sports highlights

## Fifty years ago, Wes Santee gave Bannister a run at history

Four laps in four minutes was the goal. Simple, yet so difficult and so much a part of Marine veteran Wes Santee's life that, even now, as Santee enjoys his seventh decade on earth, people still ask him about chasing the four-minute mile, the Rocky Mountain News reports.

"These days, I just run for fun," said Santee, 71, who lives in the southwest Kansas town of Eureka. "I stop and walk when I feel like it and start running again when I want."

That wasn't always the case. As a student at the University of Kansas in the 1950s, Santee was one of best milers in the world. No one had broken the mark for that distance, but three men were devoting their lives to the quest.

Roger Bannister in England, John Landy in Australia and Santee were training and racing, in an attempt to run a sub-four-minute mile first. Bannister got the job done first, and May 6 marked the 50th anniversary of that

achievement. Santee is not one to play "coulda, shoulda, woulda," but the truth is, he might have beaten Bannister to it if only he wasn't committed to Kansas and the Marine Corps, said the News.

As a college runner, Santee ran whenever his team needed him. In dual meets, with Colorado and the rest of what was then the Big Seven Conference, Santee ran the mile, the quarter-mile, the half-mile and even the two-mile race. He anchored the mile- and four-mile relays and, if his coach had asked, he would run the 100-meter hurdles, too. He was that kind of guy.

He was competitive and, like Bannister and Landy, he was brave.

At the time, wisdom held that the body could not sustain the speed needed for a four-minute mile -- not if the human wanted to live. If a runner were to attempt four consecutive 60-second quarter-miles, many thought, his mother would find the write-up in the obituaries, not the sports section.

"When Roger Bannister was running, no one knew if it was possible,"

said Steve Scott, the great American miler from the 1970s and '80s. "People didn't know if it was physically possible. Papers were written on it. Research was done on it. No one knew."

Santee not only knew it was possible, he knew he was the runner to do it. A continent away, Bannister also thought he was the runner to do it.

If Santee hadn't run four races a weekend for KU, or if he hadn't been hounded by the Amateur Athletic Union or joined the Marines, he would have broken the four-minute barrier first, the News said.

Santee, just 19 and fresh off his father's farm, was the best miler in America. At the 1952 Drake Relays, Santee anchored the Kansas four-mile relay team. He took the baton 40 or 50 yards behind a runner from Georgetown and fired forth as if from a gun. He caught the Hoyas runner, passed him and won the race by completing a four-minute, six-second mile.

Chances are, if Santee had focused solely on the mile as Bannister and Landy did, he would have shaved his

time into the threes first. "I didn't anchor the relays, we didn't win," Santee said. "I'm not bragging, that's just the fact."

Throughout his college career, Santee was such a consistent relay winner that his coach would shuffle the teams to give as many guys as possible an opportunity to race and win. Santee always was the common denominator.

"He was the best miler," said Neal Bascomb.

Maybe that's what hurt him with the AAU, which ruled American track and field at that time.

When Santee thinks about the four-minute mile and all the obstacles that stood between him and that perfect time, he thinks about all the fun he had and all the places his quest took him.

*Gunn is a member of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn., 2nd Marine Division Assn., Marine Corps Intelligence Assn., Marine Corps Aviation Assn., Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.*

## MALS-26 'supplies' the game



Marines from the Supply Division of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 display their trophies after dominating MALS-29 in the final basketball game of the season in late May. The score was "Patriots" 47, "Wolverines" 46.

Gunnery Sgt. T. E. Daly

## New River softball standings

Division A	W	L
H&HS	12	2
HMH-464	9	2
MALS-29 #1	8	6
VMX-22	7	5
MAG-29 HQ	3	10
SOI	2	13

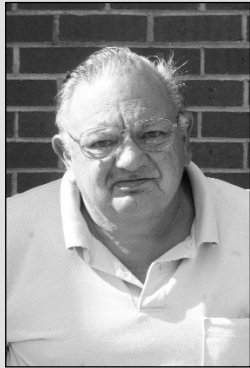
Division B	W	L
MALS-26	15	1
MWSS-272	12	3
MAG-26 HQ	7	8
PMO	6	7
MALS- 29 #2	6	9
NAMTRA	6	10
HMM-365	2	13

\*These were the standings June 11.



# Roto View

## What do you do to hydrate?



"I do a lot of yard work, so I keep a tall glass of iced tea with me at all times."

Kenneth G. DePlanche  
Environmentalist  
Jacksonville, N.C.

"I keep a gallon of water at my desk and try to drink all day."

Sgt. Daniel P. Kelley  
maintenance administration  
analyst  
Marine Medium Helicopter  
Squadron-365  
Washington, D.C.



"It's important to stay hydrated all the time, but especially in this humidity. I try to bring water bottles with me to work every day."

Sgt. Ervin Hawkins Jr.  
maintenance administration  
analyst  
Marine Medium Helicopter  
squadron-365  
Norfolk, Va.

"I try to stay inside as much as possible and drink about a half gallon of water each day."

Lance Cpl. Randy L. Watson  
weather technician  
Headquarters and  
Headquarters Squadron  
Garland, Texas



## REAL

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city. As one company captain told me, "it's easily the most productive stuff we've done in Iraq."

If Al-Karmah is reclaimed, if Fallujah itself remains relatively calm, if the Marines can patrol there at some point, and if mortar attacks abate measurably -- all distinct possibilities -- the decision not to launch an all-out assault on Fallujah could look like the right one.

But none of the above matters if it is not competently explained to the American public -- for the home front is more critical in a counterinsurgency than in any other kind of war. Yet the meticulous planning process undertaken by the Marines at the tactical level for assaulting Fallujah was not augmented with a similarly meticulous process by the Bush administration at the strategic level for counteracting the easily foreseen media fallout from fighting in civilian areas near Muslim religious sites. The public was never made to feel just how much of a military threat the mosques in Fallujah represented, just how far Marines went to avoid damage to them and to civilians, and just how much those same Marine battalions accomplished after departing Fallujah.

We live in a world of burning visual images: As Marines assaulted Fallujah, the administration should have been holding dramatic slide shows for the public, of the kind that battalion and company commanders were giving their troops, explaining how this or that particular mosque was being militarily utilized, and how much was being done to avoid destroying them, at great risk to Marine lives. Complaining about the slanted coverage of Al-Jazeera -- as administration officials did -- was as pathetic as Jimmy Carter complaining that Soviet Communist Party boss Leonid Brezhnev had lied to him. Given its long-standing track record, how else could Al-Jazeera have been expected to report the story? You had the feeling that the Pentagon was reacting, not anticipating.

And had the administration adequately explained to the public about what the Marines were doing after Fallujah, there might have been less disappointment and mystification about quitting the fight there. But instead of a gripping storyline to compete with that of the global media's, spokesmen for the White House, Pentagon, Coalition Provisional Authority and the Baghdad-based military coalition, in their regular briefings about events in Iraq, continue to feed the public insipid summaries, with little visual context, that have all the pungency of watery gruel.

This is not to say that the Abu Ghraib prison scandal should be forgotten, that our government should deceive the public, or that the overall direction of events in Iraq is positive: far from it. I have been to towns and villages in the Sunni triangle where the CPA has no demonstrable presence, where the inhabitants have no functioning utilities, where crime is rampant, where the newly constituted police are powerless and only sheikhs have

the power to haul in criminals, and where it is only the social glue of tribe and clan that keeps these places from descending into Middle Eastern Liberias.

But I also found that there are many different Iraqs and different levels of reality to each of them. Presently, the administration lacks the public relations talent and the organizational structure for conveying even the positive elements of the Iraqi panorama in all their drama and texture.

Because the battles in a counterinsurgency are small scale and often clandestine, the story line is rarely obvious. It becomes a matter of perceptions, and victory is awarded to those who weave the most compelling narrative. Truly, in the world of postmodern, 21st century conflict, civilian and military public-affairs officers must become war fighters by another name. They must control and anticipate a whole new storm system represented by a global media, which too often exposes embarrassing facts out of historical or philosophical context.

Without a communications strategy that gives the public the same sense of mission that a company captain imparts to his noncommissioned officers, victory in warfare nowadays is impossible. Looking beyond Iraq, the American military needs battlefield doctrine for influencing the public in the same way that the Army and the Marines already have doctrine for individual infantry tasks and squad-level operations (the Ranger Handbook, the Fleet Marine Force Manual, etc.).

The centerpiece of that doctrine must be the flattening out of bureaucratic hierarchies within the Defense Department, so that spokesmen can tap directly into the experiences of company and battalion commanders and entwine their smell-of-the-ground experiences into daily briefings. Nothing is more destructive for the public-relations side of warfare than field reports that have to make their way up antiquated, Industrial Age layers of command, diluting riveting stories of useful content in the process. Journalists with little knowledge of military history or tactics and with various agendas to peddle can go directly to lieutenants and sergeants, yet the very spokesmen of these soldiers and Marines themselves -- even through their aides -- seem unable to do so.

The American public can accept 50 casualties per week if the path to some sort of success is convincingly laid out. If it isn't, the public won't accept even two casualties per week. It could not be helped that the shame of My Lai, as awful as it was, should have been allowed to blot out American heroism at places like Hue. The phenomenon of the media as we know it was new back then. But if the stain of Abu Ghraib, for example, is not placed in its rightful perspective against everything else that soldiers and Marines are doing in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Colombia and many other places in the War on Terrorism, then it won't be the media's fault alone.

# Keep the vow strong

**Cmdr. Fred Hilder**

Marine Aircraft Group-29 chaplain

Of the almost 100 wedding ceremonies I have performed, I cannot remember one time when bride and groom, together or separately, ever told me this marriage experience was just a trial run. Not one said, if it worked, fine, if not, that was fine, too. Every couple adamantly believed, at least outwardly, their marriage was for life. Many were passionate divorce was not an option, no way, no how. Yet how many of them have become another statistic of "Divorce in America"? Too, too many, I presume.

No one gets married with the intent of being miserable. At least, no one I have met. Who would honestly say their desire in marriage was to live in constant tension, emotional turmoil, resentment, heartache and sometimes even physical abuse? Oh, probably none, I would say.

Instead, we treasure the benefits of a healthy marriage, such as friendship, acceptance, intimacy, tenderness, respect, security and a loving family, to name a few.

The following advice to staying healthy in marriage is offered from Margaret Feinberg, author of "The Heart of Marriage." Her article, as well as many others on marriage, family and relationships, can be found at [www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com).

According to Feinberg, a number of couples married for over 20 years had this to say about making the vows endure:

1. Seek good, balanced premarital counseling that will cover everything from sex to fair fighting to whose house you're going to visit for the holidays. During the courtship, you two often assume that you'll just agree on everything. Once you're married, continue to visit a counselor during difficult times. Don't wait until issues become a stand-off to get help.

2. Never quit giving. Too often couples expect to get more out of their marriage than they give, but this perspective will never help a marriage last. Both partners need to be willing to give 100 percent of themselves to each other.

3. Recognize your vows. Recognize in your heart that love is a commitment and your marriage is a covenant before God. Treat it with the respect and dignity it deserves. Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," and it should also be the beginning of any covenant relationship.

4. Frame your vows. If you still have a copy of your vows, print them and display them someplace on your home. Consider having an artist decorate the vows or add your own creative touch. Select a nice frame and place them in a prominent place in your home where both you and your spouse will be reminded of your commitment.

So there are four of eight ways couples have kept their vows strong. Look for another four in a future article. Also, consider marriage-strengthening events that are held in our area. New River's

Marine Family Services Center will be conducting another pre-marriage/marriage one-day workshop in the near future (449-5253), sponsored jointly with the station chaplains. Also, two-day marriage enrichment retreats are available through Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation, Camp Lejeune (450-1668) at no cost. For additional information on marriage preparation or counseling, contact any of the MCAS or Marine Aircraft Group chaplains or the fine folks at MFSC.

## Station Chapel services

**Sunday Worship**

9 a.m. Mass  
11 a.m. Protestant

**Daily Mass**

11:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday

For more information, contact Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron D. Painter at 449-6801.

# Marine Family Service Center

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**

Each Monday  
11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

The Marine Family Service Center now has Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Monday. These meetings are open to alcoholics and non-alcoholics.

**Retired Affairs**

Each Wednesday and Friday  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The retired affairs representative can provide retired servicemembers and their spouses with information regarding benefits, entitlements, privileges and legal assistance.

**Play Morning**

Every Thursday  
9:30 - 11 a.m.

Play morning is a time for mom and dad to have fun with their children ages six and under.

For more information, please call New Parent Support Program at 451-5286.

**Transition Assistance Program Workshop**

June 16 & 17  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This is a two-day career options workshop which helps assess knowledge, skills and abilities, and apply your military-acquired skills in the civilian employment sector. Topics include resume preparation, job search, interview skills, dress standards, job negotiations and much more. Pre-registration required through your unit transition counselor.

**Pre-Separation Brief**

June 23  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This mandated brief covers all required information for the servicemember and spouse separating from the military way of life. Topics discussed include: pay entitlements, Veteran Affairs benefits, financial management, educational opportunities, transportation of household goods, job service and more. Pre-registration mandatory through your unit transition counselor.

**Smooth Move Workshop**

June 24  
9 - 11:30 am

A three-hour workshop designed to assist participants in planning CONUS or OCONUS permanent

change of station moves. Topics include: travel allowances, pay entitlements, Travel Management Office, housing, legal issues, Tri-Care and more.

**Military Spouse-Local Employment Seminar**

June 29  
9 - 10:30 am

Pre-registration required. Available for spouses and family members seeking part-time or full-time employment in the local community. Topics discussed will include networking, resume or application assistance, interview tips and more.

For more information about the programs, call the Marine Family Service Center at 449-6110.

# LCTV-10 Schedule



**June 18 - 24**

**Show Title**

Army Newswatch  
 Air Force News  
 Desert Storm / Somalia  
 Disaster Preparation Weather Shelters  
 Lt. Col. Oles: Brown's Island PSA  
 Navy/Marine Corps News  
 Outdoor Channel: Best of the West Jet Rally  
 The Morning Report  
 Water Safety  
 Hyde County, N.C.: "The Road Less Traveled"  
 The Cold War Navy, 1945 - 1964  
 Your Corps

**Show Times**

12 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
 12:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 8 p.m.  
 2 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
 3 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 3:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.  
 3:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 11 p.m.  
 4 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 9 p.m.  
 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.  
 5:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.  
 6:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 10:30 p.m.  
 9 a.m., 3 p.m.

## Get on schedule with the Station Theater

Get in free with  
 military identification.



Movie times are subject to change.  
 For more information, call the Station  
 Theater at 449-6292 or 449-6528.

### **ATTENTION**

*Nighttime movies are showing every Monday during June at 6:30 p.m. Any units or organizations that are interested in a private showing are welcome to contact the E-club at 449-0589/0325 to make arrangements. The Station Theater is scheduled to reopen July 17. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.*





Nancy Davis and Ronald W. Reagan



Ronald W. Reagan



Nancy Davis and Ronald W. Reagan with Pope John Paul II

# The myth, man, legend: Ronald Reagan

**LOS ANGELES** -- Ronald W. Reagan led a conservative revolution that set the economic and cultural tone of the 1980s, hastened the end of the Cold War and revitalized the Republican Party. His wife, Nancy Davis Reagan, and their two children, Ronald Jr. and Patty Davis, were with him when he died at his home in the Bel Air district of Los Angeles.

Michael Reagan, his adopted son from his first marriage to actress Jane Wyman, arrived at the home shortly before news of the death. Maureen Reagan, his daughter from that marriage, died of brain cancer in 2001.

In November 1994, Ronald disclosed in a passionate letter to the American people that he had Alzheimer's disease. He faded from public view a short time later and had been rarely seen outside his home.

The former Hollywood film actor stopped going to his Century City, Calif., office in 1999, but still made trips to parks and enjoyed strolls on the Venice Beach, Calif., boardwalk with his secret service contingent.

His body lay in state at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., and at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., before his burial at the library.

President George W. Bush responded to Reagan's death in Paris, France, where he was on tour to honor the heroes of World War II on the weekend of the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

"He leaves behind a nation he restored and a world he helped save. During the years of President Reagan, America laid to rest an era of division and self-doubt, and because of his leadership, the world laid to rest an era of fear and tyranny," Bush said.

Bush's father, former President George H. W. Bush said, "History will give Reagan great credit for standing for principles. It was wonderful the way that he could take a stand and do it without bitter-

ness or without creating enmity with other people."

Nancy issued a brief statement to announce her husband's death, "We appreciate everyone's prayers over the years."

Michael released a statement soon after his



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father's death, "I pray that as America reflects on the passing of my dad, they will remember a man of integrity, conviction and good humor that changed America and the world for the better. He would

modestly say the credit goes to others, but I believe the credit is his."

Former President William J. Clinton and his wife, Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, issued a statement that praised the former president for his optimistic outlook.

"Hillary and I will always remember President Ronald Reagan for the way he personified the indomitable optimism of the American people and for keeping America at the forefront of the fight for freedom for people everywhere," their statement said.

Presidential historian Robert Dallek spoke of Reagan's contributions to the office.

"He restored a kind of confidence in the presidency and a better mood in the United States about politics and politicians, and about the presidency," Dallek said.

At a fund-raiser last month, Nancy described her husband's condition.

"Ronnie's long journey has finally taken him to a distant place where I can no longer reach him," she said.

At 69, Reagan was the oldest man elected president when he was chosen on Nov. 4, 1980, over incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter.

On March 30, 1981, Reagan was leaving a Washington, D.C., hotel after addressing labor leaders when John Hinckley fired six gunshots at him. A bullet lodged an inch from Reagan's heart, but he recovered fully.

In 1984, he defeated Democrat Walter Mondale. Reagan had also undergone a 1985 colon cancer operation, and 1987 prostate and skin-cancer surgery.

He fell and broke his hip in 2001, less than a month before his 90th birthday.

Former Pres. Ronald W. Reagan died June 5 at

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